

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a block diagram showing the configuration of the external telephone 60.

The external telephone 60 is configured to exclusively execute a telephone call via a telephone network, and includes a control section 111 for controlling the whole operation of the apparatus, a record and playback section 112 for playing back a voice based on an audio signal and recording an audio signal, a user interface section (user I/F) 113, a handset 114 used in a state in which the handset 114 is removed from the external telephone 60 main unit, a voice input/output section 115 for inputting/outputting a voice, ~~an external telephone connection section 116 for connecting an external telephone~~, an NCU (network control unit) 117 for inputting/outputting an audio signal, for example, via the external machine connection terminal 16b, and the like.